

Appl. No. 10/773,673
Amdt. dated March 19, 2009
Reply to Office Action of December 19, 2008

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the final Official Action dated December 19, 2008. A petition for a one month extension of time to respond and authorization to charge our credit card the large entity extension fee of \$130 accompany this amendment. Claims 9-16, 18, 19, 21-29, and 31 were allowed. Claims 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Sheaffer U.S. Patent No. 6,957,321 (Sheaffer) in view of Miller et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,847,365 (Miller) and further in view of Pechanek et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,173,389 (Pechanek '389). Claim 30 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-8 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 17 and 20 have now been canceled without prejudice. Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9-16, 18, 19, and 21-31 are presently pending and in order for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-16, 18, 19, 21-29, and 31 were allowed.

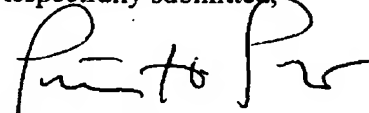
Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims placing claim 30 in order for allowance.

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Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims, as amended, appearing to define over the applied references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

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